

It's Just an Old American Custom

Baccalaureate! Don't you remember? It was at that ceremony that you proudly trailed down the aisle of the auditorium in your gray cap and gown. But if you had lived in the year 1693 you would be getting a degree at the Baccalaureate exercises instead of just a sermon.

Surely you recall the sweet dream you had while the "Wise Men" were supposed to be giving you philosophical advice mingled with their corny jokes. Had you been a graduate of Yale in 1871 instead of JT in 1942, you wouldn't have had to attend Baccalaureate ceremonies at all. It is recorded that one-third or more of every class was always absent from the Baccalaureate discourse.

Very few girls missed Baccalaureate because if they did, they would be sacrificing one new dress. You see, every girl of the class had three beautiful new frocks for commencement, one for baccalaureate, one for graduation and one—well you can guess what for.

The Oxford English Dictionary defines baccalaureate as a practice of some American universities. So as you can see, it's just an old American custom.

Avis Halleland Joins Cadet Nursing Corps

Have you ever seen Avis Halleland wince and shrink away when someone affectionately touched her arm? It's not that she's grown cold or distant; it's just the shots she's been taking since she joined the cadet nursing corps. She expects to enter Silver Cross Hospital for training about August 21.

The idea of entering the nursing field, says Avis, is not new to her. "Ever since I can remember I have entertained ideas of being a nurse, and now in the next few months will come the climax to my ambitions. No other field—and I have investigated many—has so much interested me. Helping those who can't help themselves is what appeals to me."

The cadet plan enables girls to receive this training under government supervision. The government pays tuition fees, book fees, and a small monthly salary during training. The plan provides two and one half years of schooling and six months of internship.

Uniforms are furnished; cadet gray suits with red epaulettes. There are both summer and winter uniforms with top coats and rain coats extra.

The cadet must sign a statement that she will remain in essential nursing service for the duration and six months after. This means that she must remain active in hospitals wherever she is needed. She may join one of the services if she wishes.

Avis will probably not join any service until her training is complete though right now she leans toward the navy nurse corps.

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Chairman of the JC picnic are Janet Morse, Mat Futterer, Jean Macdonald and Frank Sidell.

JUNIOR - SENIOR PROM TONIGHT

JC students will join the High School seniors and other guests of the Junior-Senior Prom tonight.

Committees have been hard at work to make the party one to remember.

The theme is "Stairway to the Stars." Roy Gordon's band will furnish the music.

Tickets for the prom must be obtained from Grayce Stadler in the college office. There is no charge since junior collegians gave up their date to the juniors. One member of each couple must be a junior collegian.

Service men also are invited to be guests.

Freshmen Look Back On First Year at JC

A whole year in college! It hasn't been all study—in some cases it hasn't been any study at all. Now we can look back over our freshman year.

Vivid recollections haunt our minds—the junior college picnic, the mixer, the dances, the radio-see room, cutting a class and meeting the teacher in the hall, grinning anxiously at sophs who were always ready to give poor advice, putting in 22 hours a day on a wretched research theme, making up eight gym classes at the end of each semester and trying not to be more than ten minutes late for a class.

It's been a thrill being a college freshe and we knew it was worthwhile. Yes, after one year in college many students contemplate returning next year—if the school officials will let them come back.

PICNIC WILL BE HELD AT INWOOD

JJC will hold its annual summer picnic on July 6, at Inwood. Jean Mancuso and Matt Futterer are co-chairmen. Jean Macdonald is in charge of publicity. Other committee chairmen are Janet Morse, refreshments, Frank Sidell, activities and Chuck Sass, transportation.

Various games have been planned for the outing. Golf, tennis and baseball are included in the day's events.

The club house will be open for dancing in the evening.

Joe Mancuso Reported Missing in Action

The Blazer staff and the JC students offer sympathy to Rose Mancuso whose brother Joe has been reported missing in action. Everyone joins the family in hoping that later news will be good news.

Rose has two other brothers in service.

We also offer sympathy to Mary Louise Henderson whose brother was killed last Thursday at Camp Claybourne.

To the Blazer Staff:

Many thanks to you and your sponsor, Miss Tippet, for the splendid paper you have published during the past year. You have done much to promote worth-while projects and good morale during a school year that has felt the full impact of the war.

I am sure The Blazer has been much appreciated by the student body, the boys in service and all interested in the welfare of the school.

My personal thanks to each of you—

Sincerely yours,
I. D. Yaggy, Dean

June 8 Will Be Graduation Day

Instructions Given For the Graduates

The commencement exercises of the classes of 1944 begin with Baccalaureate on Sunday, June 4, in the auditorium. The Reverend Leon P. Harris of the Christ Episcopal church has chosen "Pressing Forward" as his topic.

"How to be Happy Though Educated" will be the address given by Charles Milton Newcomb, principal speaker at the graduation exercises to be held Thursday, June 8, in the combined gymnasiums.

Dean Yaggy has issued instructions for the graduates as follows:

1. Caps and gowns have been ordered for all graduates and will be issued Friday, June 2 all day, 8:00 to 4:30 in Room 330. Caps and gowns are to be worn Baccalaureate Sunday and Commencement night.

In order to keep the appearance uniform, both boys and girls will wear dark shoes, with caps and gowns.

2. Baccalaureate Exercises will be held in the High School Auditorium Sunday, June 4. Please report to the college library at 7:20 P.M.

3. Practice for Commencement, June 5. Commencement exercises in the auditorium, June 7, at 1:30 P.M.

4. Tickets for Commencement will be issued with caps and gowns. Each graduate will be given up to eight tickets. There will be a few extras to be given out Tuesday, June 6, at 10:00 A.M. in Room 330.

5. Commencement exercises in the High School Gymnasiums, Thursday, June 8. All graduates must report to the auditorium by 7:00 P.M. sharp with caps and gowns on, to be alphabetized and instructed on the procedure in the gymnasium. (Leave wraps in college library.)

6. Cap and gowns must be returned graduation night immediately after exercises. Box with cap and gown should be left in the college library. Under no circumstances may they be kept after that time. See that your name is still on the box so that credit may be given to you for returning it.

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Rec Room Resets

Pvt. John Stefan and his younger brother Pvt. George Stefan are home on furlough. When asked "How do you like the Army?" they answered in unison—"well maybe we better just say "Unprintable."

Naval Air Cadet George Meyers is also home for a brief visit with his friends. He spent a good deal of his time talking with JJC instructors, as most of his collegiate friends are in service.

LaVerle Sweet and Verne Lind have been spending most of their spare time in the gym making up gym events. (And they aren't the only ones either!) Ah yes, the price of folly!

"Gordy" Seitsinger certainly has a headful of untan. Says Gordy, "I've been working on the railroad."

Matt Futerker is taking that pretty red head, Marilyn Carroll to the Junior Senior prom.

Ed Manthey has a mighty sharp "Leavenworth" haircut. Guess he thought he'd save the Army barbers the trouble.

It is rumored that Mary Giachino is getting a grass skirt from a certain service man in Hawaii and bent of all she's going to demonstrate a hula dance for all us jivin' Jacks and Jills.

Howard Johnson is sporting a very lush white JC sweater. He won the huge "J" playing basketball.

We hear that "Katy McGinnis is a prime "becker" in Mr. Burden's Economics class.

Dick Braun, "Doc" Connor's and Bob Waseco are off for far away places, to be designated by the U. S. Army. They are busy this week taking pre-mature final examinations.

I was going to write something "appropriate" about final exams, but everyone howls in my car, "Please don't mention that!" so maybe we better forget it, or try to.

Take Your Choice

Hello Again. This week the Mode theater opens with that Frank Sinatra picture "Higher and Higher." The supporting cast of this comedy includes Jack Haley, Leon Errol and Charles Morgan. It starts Sunday the 25th and ends Tuesday the 30th. Wednesday and Thursday brings a double feature "Salute to the Marines" and "Two Men Submarine." June 2nd and 3rd offers "None Shall Escape" and "Sailors Holiday." "None Shall Escape" is a story of a plan for revenge upon the enemies of our enemies. It is a story which comes from the little peoples of the world. Starring in this picture are Henry Travers, a Polish priest who tells of the cruelties of the Nazis on trial; Alexander Knox, the Nazi who is permitted to speak; and Marsha Hunt, who plays an important part in the testimonial scenes.

Opening Sunday, June 4th, is that famous Romborg musical of yesterday, "The Desert Song" This picture which stars Dennis Morgan, Bruce Cabot and Irene Manning ends Tuesday, June 6th. Wednesday and Thursday again brings a double feature, "Grapes of Wrath" and a "Young Ideas."

Sketches of Characters

Ann Andrews is best known for her vitality and her interest in golf and swimming. She also has a lot of ambitions. After working for a year, she hopes to finish her college education by majoring in psychology.

Betty Bowler can take it—and if she doesn't always like it, she doesn't often let her. A business student, she expects to put her training into use for the summer.

Jack Burger is one of the future engineers. He was on the basketball team and his height was a definite advantage.

Marce Campbell is a fun-loving sophomore who is truly the "brain" of the class. She did a good job of a difficult part in "Letters, Lovers."

Because Naval A/C Stan Coleman is having his credits transferred to JC, he too is a member of the class of '44. He is remembered here because of his lively sense of humor and handsome profile. He is more or less majoring in mathematics but says that Mr. Aseltine wouldn't believe it.

Clair Conners is the politician of the class. He is the friend of all who need a friend and always ready with good advice. He is always having a fatherly talk with someone.

Charlotte Hamilton plans to major in education at the University of Illinois. "Char" impresses her friends as being a very careful individual and always ready to join in the fun. She takes her school work in her stride and finds time to enjoy Frank Sinatra's latest records.

Mary Louise Henderson loves dancing and sports. She also is a music lover, of the music comes from any big-name band. She hopes to become a teacher.

Betty Herath's tastes and talents run to music and literature. A full program doesn't keep a lively girl like Betty down. She makes the most of the social functions too. She plans to go to De Pauw; that will get her a little closer to Jim.

Nick Karo is the skating champion of JC. He learned the hard way at a skating party last year. Perhaps he's keeping in practice at the University of Michigan.

Dorothy Ellen Kramer aspires to be a journalist, and is willing to take the grind along with the glamour. Her many zany professions, but zany can always be smoothed with a little Dorothy.

Bob Markelz says he belongs to a club, "The Friends of the Engineers." President, Markelz; Sec-Treas., Markelz; other members, Markelz, Markelz, Markelz. That's why he was so often mistaken for an engineer. He's studying medicine at Rush Medical.

Katy McGinnis is Swedish of course. Hadn't you guessed it? She is known as a good student and decided with Her favorite outdoor sport, she says, is bridge.

Business manager of the Blazer, a leader in WAA, good friend to her friends, a busy lady with 18 hours of work this semester—that's Janet Morse.

Bob Mosberg seems quiet to those who don't know him, but his friends know he is full of pep and ideas. Jimmy Nelson, who comes from Lemont, has been a three-day girl this semester—three days in JC, three days on a job in Chicago. She has given a pretty good account of herself in her three days here, at least. Judging from the big diamond she wears, she's done pretty well for herself evenings and Sundays also.

Ernie Overbey will soon be traveling at Uncle Sam's expense he says. He is one of the few but by no means invisible or silent engineers.

Ramona Roth, known to her friends as "Bibi," has become one of JJC's outstanding coeds. She is crammed with artistic and musical ability.

Genius is the in-a-word description of the writer, director and producer of the "Fir Tree Fantasy," Dave Samples.

Lois Sprout is known as "Pres" of the WAA. Besides her interest in WAA, she will be remembered for her calm dignity and charming personality.

June Stoker is happiest when she is doing anything she shouldn't. Her main interest in life seems to be getting in and out of difficulties.

Jim Whelan, another chemist. He worked as Mr. Fribble's lab assistant and the chem students sure miss him. He was always there with a helpful suggestion.

Helen Willner is JC's glamour blonde. Her picture was the first one to disappear mysteriously in the print shop. Some future private needed a pin-up girl. Helen's sparkling personality makes her a welcome addition to any gathering. She plans to become a doctor—oh, what a clientele she will have!

The End of the Beginning

Graduation and then what? We are on the bottom step now but let's not stay here. There is another stairway before us and we must climb upward. We can realize our ambitions.

Things haven't been quite normal these past few years. We have come to realize that we have to give up many things. Our country is more important to us than ever before.

We may have wanted to take a certain subject this semester but could not because it has been out from the curriculum. One or two students do not make a class, you know. Yes, we know and we didn't put up a

class is very small but who's to march up to receive our diplomas we'll think of John and Joe and Mary who might have been with us but are now fighting for America and the graduating classes of the future.

We are proud to be the graduating class of '44.

This Is a Lovely Way

How do you plan to spend your summer vacation?

Winnie Lewis: I leave for U.C.L.A. on June 28.
Dorothy Kramer: I got a job in the office at Silver Cross hospital.

Lois Tallman: Eat, sleep, and then have a darn good time.

Frances Watson: Maybe I will finish my junior college work in summer school.

Edna Cagwin: I am going to work at Montgomery Ward's.
Dale McAllister: I might work at the Navy yards.

June Stoker: I want to get a job, a nice job with a juicy salary preferred.

Clair Conners: I plan to vacation with my Uncle Sam. Connie Economides: I'll go on long hikes and practice digging ditches.

Phyllis Weeks: After a two-week vacation, I'm going to work.

K. T. Robinson: Work at the U. S. Rubber Company as a laboratory technician.

Jean Macdonald: I'll spend some time at a cottage in Indiana and then stay home and play golf and tennis.

Thanks for Everything

Thank you, students of JJC, for your interest in and suggestions for The Blazer.

Thank you, Miss Grace Tippet, for being our star reporter as well as our faculty advisor and for being such a swell person to work with.

Thank you, Donald Inig and Herbert Warfel, of the Year Book was difficult, but you were ready to help us when we needed you most.

Thank you, Dick Braun and Howard Johnson, for the grand job you did. Good luck to you, Dick, during your career with the navy, and happy birthday to you, Howy, print shop for being so patient with each of the editors.

VACATION DREAM IS DISTURBED

Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life! The apple trees are in full bloom, the violets and buttercups are out and green is the prominent color.

Sitting in class room on one of these beautiful days we occasionally find ourselves gazing out the window at nature's wonder and day dreaming.

Summer vacation is almost upon us. Just a few more weeks and then graduation. It's all over then! You won't be coming back to this school next year.

You feel a little tinge of sorrow when you realize that you won't be coming back. Sure, it's been hard work, and there were times when you would rather have been anywhere but in school, but all in all it's a grand old school and you hate to leave it. Vacation — it seems to have such a tone of finality now. Formerly vacation was three wonderful months of summer hiking, camping, and being away from school. Now vacation is the end and yet the beginning.

Just then teacher calls on you and you hear your startled voice saying "I'm sorry I didn't hear your question." Your little daydream has been interrupted. Back to reality and the too few weeks left until vacation.

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What Happened On Answers on last page

1. September 27
2. October 12
3. October 27
4. November 25
5. December 10
6. January 19
7. February 11
8. March 25
9. April 12
10. May 12

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Members of the cast of the "Fir Tree Fantasy" are Yvonne White, Allie Waldman, Norma Lubs, Phyllis Weeks and Annette Burr.

Reference Books Used Most by JC Students

Junior Collegians haven't been reading much this year except those specifically assigned as class references. Whether they don't care about reading for pleasure or whether they don't have as much time as they used to have is the question.

There have been some books, however, that have been more than ordinarily popular. They include "Love of First Flight," "Under Cover," "They Made Me a Leatherneck," "Burma Surgeon," and "The Robe." The magazines most often seen on the tables are "Vogue," "The Saturday Evening Post," "Life," "The Reader's Digest," and "The New Yorker."

Perhaps if you haven't been reading much lately you'll find a book on the shelf to interest you. The college library has spent most of its funds on reference books since most of the popular fiction can be found at the public library, but many good books are here. Why not look for something today?

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Betty Herath Does Two Full-Time Jobs

Betty Herath keeps busier these days than most college girls. Because of the illness of her mother, Betty has taken over the job of housekeeping.

In addition to this she is carrying a full college program. Her housekeeping ventures are without doubt valuable practice.

SERVICEMEN VISIT JC DURING LEAVES

Former college fellows who are now serving in the armed forces are taking the opportunity while home to visit their former classmates and teachers before summer vacation begins.

Seen around the college halls last week was Naval A/C Bill Connelly, who was home on a 48-hour leave from Ottumwa, Iowa, where he is receiving his primary flight training.

From Notre Dame, where they are studying under the V-12 program we had Pat Condon, Clare Leser and Art Smith.

Len Lilyers, 2/C R. M. got home for a few days when his ship docked in Chicago. Len is stationed on a L. C. L. which went down the Mississippi River. He is the only radioman on board his ship.

Ensign Neal Houbelt bade farewell to his JC friends and teachers last week. Neal reports to Hollywood, Florida, on June 28.

George Burosh who received his wings as a Naval Air Corps radioman was home last week.

Original Production Praised by Audience

Unique in the history of JTHS and JJC was "The Fir Tree Fantasy," a ballet presented as part of the spring festival, May 12.

The ballet was written, staged and directed by Dave Samples, sophomore at JC, and danced by members of the Orchestral and Terpsichorean Clubs, among whom Yvonne White as King Winter, Annette Burr as the North Wind and Phyllis Weeks as a blackbird were leads.

Assisting in the production were Alex Zimmerman and Mrs. Elouise Kirby of the faculty. Mr. Zimmerman wrote music for the ballet and Mrs. Kirby directed the dancing.

Other collegians participating were Margie Wilhelm and Betty Lou Fischer, snow maidens, Gwen Kiser, a tree, and Betty Bowler in the orchestra, which presented one part of the program.

A large audience gave enthusiastic praise to the entire show for the originality and vividness with which it was conceived and executed.

Spring

by Clarence Miller

As I walk along the still-wet pavement,

I feel something clean and good and powerful

Grow and expand within me, until it buoys me up.

Then I am able to look down before me and to see.

All that is petty and mean and despicable of me

And to look up and say, "God I can hold life and the world"

In my arms and crush them to me. Until I am one with their goodness."

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AT DINET'S

Many Students Leave College

The enrollment in E. C. Douglas' Descriptive Geometry class is down one since the picture at the right was taken. Dick Braun leaves for the Navy Monday so there are three students in the class.

Dick will be the sixty second student to leave JC since September and the ninth to join the navy. Thirteen of the others are in the army, 35 are working and five are attending other colleges.

In spite of this decrease, 45 freshmen have signed to return to JC next semester as compared with 26 who had at this time signed to return last fall. The tentative enrollment is within three of last year's, Dean Yaggy reports.

Approximately the same subjects will be offered next year. Miss Catherine Adler will have a rhetoric class and E. C. Nelsen will have a class in college Zoology as well as in anatomy and physiology.

Remember?

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1. Engineers' football game
2. Fall picnic
3. "Kountry Kapers" Mixer
4. "Manhattan at Midnight" Formal
5. "Letters to Lucerne"
6. Slatting party and the opening of the JYC
7. Box Social
8. "Mad March Hare" freshman dance
9. Bowling party
10. The "Fir Tree Fantasy"

Lost

Lost—medium size silver pilot wings. Winnie Lewis lost them at noon last Friday. They are of sentimental value so will the finder please return them to Winnie?



Schultz Earl Douglas Braun Papesh Seitsinger

Commencement Plans Made by Colleges

Plans for commencement in neighboring schools are varied. Morton Junior College at Cicero will feature student talent at its exercises. They plan a class night dance and banquet which is the traditional "last gathering" of graduates and underclassmen of Morton.

To the graduates of Wilson Junior College, Chicago, is sent congratulations from Miss Beulah Berolzheimer. She writes, "In some ways you have had the same experiences that our first graduating class had. You've been in college during the war; they were in during the depression. Both of these external circumstances conditioned your college courses and made your intellectual growth one of experiment, excitement and stimulation."

Dr. O. P. Kretzmann delivered the address when 87 students received their diplomas from Concordia Teachers' College at River Forest, May 19. This Concordia class is in general "the last to be unaffected

by the acceleration program since only three of its members completed requirements earlier in the year and accepted teaching positions."

Ray Goodson ex-JC, Receives Commission

According to a press release from the army air force, Aviation Cadet Ray M. Goodson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Goodson, 1215 Taylor St., Joliet, Ill., on April 29 was commissioned a second lieutenant after completing bombardier training at the Carlisle (New Mexico) Army Air Field.

Lieutenant Goodson now becomes one of the Army Air Forces new "triple-threat men" airmen who have completed instruction in dead-reckoning navigation and aerial gunnery in addition to the regular bombardiering course.

As an officer in the Army Air Forces ready for active duty, his destination is not disclosed.

Golf Team Defeats LaGrange JC Team

Thursday, May 18, the golf team defeated LaGrange Junior College 9½ to 2½ at LaGrange country club. Frank Sidell, Bob Semiteloff and Bob Wnasco each won 3 points. Dale Mc-

RED CROSS UNIT FORMED IN MARCH

The forming and organizing of the Joliet Junior College Chapter of the American Red Cross was among the highlights of achievements of the students of junior college.

The first meeting of the Red Cross was held March 9, 1944. Since then thirty paid members have joined, giving the organization a small treasury. Various committees have been formed although no chairmen for them have been elected. Some of these committees are Home Nursing and Disaster committee, Volunteer Special Service committee, and Blood Donor committee.

During the two weeks that the blood donor bank unit was in Joliet, 28 Junior collegians volunteered. Of these 16 were accepted.

Many members have been completing bedjackets, making buttonholes and sewing on buttons. To date 18 jackets have been completed.

Those who have served the club as officers for 1944 were Rosemarie Tuncic, president; Rose Mancuso, vice-president; Mary Louise Henderson, secretary; Myrtle Edom, treasurer, and Constantine Economides, publicity chairman.

Allister won half a point. Bill Owen of LaGrange had a low score of 82. The teams played a return match at Inwood yesterday.

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Many JJC Men Have Entered the Armed Forces Since September

Among those of the freshman class who have left for the armed services since the beginning of the school year are:

ARMY

Robert Deiss, Anti-Aircraft
 Henry Ferlin, Infantry
 John Krohn, Engineers
 Nick Petropolis, Infantry
 George Stefan, A-12
 Henry Crespi, ASTP

ARMY AIR CORPS

Robert Beach
 Bob Daugherty
 Henry Henderson
 Mike Kurtyak
 Lee Olin
 Joe Pohlman
 Jim Collins

NAVY

Dick Braun
 Bill Voegli
 Edward Mangotich
 Bill Fisher

NAVY AIR CORPS

Pat Condon
 Dean Lanier
 Art Smith
 Herbert Brück
 Clare Leiser

Two members of the sophomore class have joined the Armed Medical Corps. James Whelan is stationed at the 154th General Hospital, Camp Wheeler, Georgia. Bob Markels is attending the College of Medicine at the University of Illinois.

'Letters to Lucerne'



Kramer Manthey Moore Samples Koukas McAllister Hendrickson Olin
 Stokers Roth Campbell Miss Schleh Carey Burr Weeks

Statistics of the Class of 1944

Ann Andrews

Liberal Arts, WAA 1, 2; Vice Pres. 2; Riding Club 1, 2; Blazer staff 1; eulogize play staff 2; golf 1, 2.

Elizabeth Bowler

Pre-Commerce; Red Cross 2; Blazer staff 2; supplement staff 2.

Jack Byron Burger

Mech. Engineering, College Y 1, 2; Basketball team 1; Attending U. of I.

Margerie Jane Campbell

Pre-Education; J-H Radio Workshop 1; Treasurer 1; WAA 1, 2; College Play, "Letters to Lucerne" 2.

Assistant Club Steward E. Coleman
 Pre-Commerce, math major; Naval Air Corps; Basketball, Baseball, Attending Calgate University.

Chir Thomas Coonors

Pre-Medical; Camera Club 1, 2; WH County Chemical Society 1, 2.

Charlotte Anne Hamilton

Pre-Education; WAA 1, 2; Red Cross 2.

Mary Louise Henderson

Pre-Education; WAA 1, 2; Red Cross, Secretary 2; Orchids 1; Archery 1.

Betty Jeanne Herath

Pre-Education; WAA, Red Cross, Head of Bowling 2; Bowling 1; Tennis 1, 2; Archery 1.

Nicholas Kuros

Mechanical Engineering, honor roll 1, 2; Attending University of Michigan.

Dorothy Ellen Kramer

Journalism; WAA 1, 2; Bowling 1; Riding 1, 2; Red Cross 2; Blazer Staff 2; KPC Journalism conference; Student council, Blazer representative; "Letters to Lucerne" 2.

Pic. Robert A. Markels

Pre-Medical; WH county Chemical Society 1, 2; Camera Club 1; Student Council, President of Sophomore Class, Attending U. of Ill. College of Medicine.

Catherine Mathews

Commerce, WAA 1, 2, Basketball 1; Bowling 1; Student Council Representative 2; Head of Tennis 2.

Janet Morse

Liberal Arts; WAA 1, 2; Blazer Staff 2; Red Cross, 2; Supplement Staff 2; WAA Soc. Treas. 2; Head of tennis 1; business manager of Blazer 2; Radio-Union 2; Outing 2; Co-Rec 1; Tennis 2; swimming 3.

Robert John Mosharg

Mechanical Engineering, Attending U. of I.

Andrey E. Nelson

Education (Teachers: WAA 1, 2; Head of Outing 2; Blazer Staff 2; supplement staff 2, KPC Journalism conference 2.

Ernest Edwin Overby

Engineering; Attending U. of I.

Hanna Snow Roth

Liberal Arts; A Cappella Choir 1, 2; WAA 1, 2; College play 1, 2; Operetta 1, 2.

M. David Samples

Liberal Arts; Riding Club, head, 1, 2; "George Washington Slept Here" 1.

Assistant director of "Letters to Lucerne," "Our Town," "Every Family Has One," "My Maryland," 1. "Spring Maid," 2. Fire Tree Ballet, wrote, staged and directed, 2.

Luis Sproat

Pre-Education; WAA 1, 2; President, 2; Outing, 1, 2; Bowling, 1, 2; Golf 2.

June Stoker

Pre-Education; WAA 1, 2; Blazer Staff, 2; Red Cross, 2; Orchids, 2; Golf, 1, 2; Archery 2; Riding, 1; Bowling, 1; Tennis 2; "Letters to Lucerne" 2.

Stephen Geza Varco

Engineering, Attending U. of I.

Pvt. James Michael Whelan

Course leading to B. S. degree in chemistry; College Y 1; Vice President of sophomore class, 2; Student council, 2; Honor roll, 2.

Helen Marcelle Withler

Pre-Medical; Red Cross, 2; WH County Chemical Society, 2; Sophomore Representative to Student Council, 2.

Organizations



McAllister Sidell Peterson McReynolds Seitsinger
Halleland Johnson Macdonald Willner Sprout Kramer



Stoker Henderson Economides Tunici Edom Howell Wilhelmi
Secretary Publicity President Treasurer

JJC Organizes Red Cross Unit

JJC organized a Red Cross unit the second semester of this year with Miss Doris Hall as faculty sponsor. It is the second unit organized by a junior college in the United States.

At the first meeting of the organization officers were elected, and the work for the remainder of the year was discussed. The officers were Rosemarie Tunici, president; Rose Mancuso, vice president; Mary Louise Henderson, secretary; Myrtle Edom, treasurer; and Connie Economides, publicity chairman.

The most interesting meeting of the year had a speaker who talked on disaster. The most worthwhile contribution of the unit was the donating of blood to the blood bank.

Some of those who gave their blood were Jean Macdonald, Betty Lou Fisher, Dorothy Kramer, Rose Mancuso and Betty Marshall.

Other members of the JJC Red Cross Unit were June Stoker, Catherine Robinson, Romayne Bell, Mary Alyce Bannon, Mary Ann Allen, Betty Carey, Betty Bowler, Frances Watson, Mary Giachino, Ernestine Northcross, Pat Peterson, Jane McGowan, Maryanne Matesi, Betty Marshall,

Student Council Plans Activities

The Student Council represented all the students of JJC. It has made a great deal of progress toward gaining the wants of the students and in voicing their opinions.

The council was composed of the officers of the classes, a representative of the Blazer and the president of the WAA. The original members of the council were Bob Markelz, president, Shirley Frisbie, vice president, Jean Macdonald, secretary-treasurer, Jim Whelan, Catherine McGinnis, Dale McAllister, Gordie Seitsinger, Avis Halleland, Marian Palmer and Lois Sprout. During the years several changes were made when members left school. Other members were Dick Braun, Dorothy Krmer, Rachel Johnson, Helen Willner, Pat Peterson, Frank Sidell, who replaced Bob Markelz as president, and Doane McReynolds who replaced Shirley Frisbie as vice president.

The council arranged for the various social activities of the college and set the dates for them. The

Lois Sprout, Janet Morse, Dort Howell and Ida Mae Peterson.

Besides working on bed jackets, the girls collected material for use in making slippers, and several learned to knit.

Class of '45



Front Row, left to right: Allen, Banno, Bell, Braun, Barr, Cagwin
Second Row: Carey, E. Damgaard, M. Damgaard, Economides, Edom
Fischer, Giachino, Halleland



Seated: Henrickson, Michel, Hollister, Johnson, Kiser, Lind
Standing: Macdonald, Mancuso, McReynolds, Mihelic, Moore, Mortvedt
Northcross



Seated: Peacock, I. Peterson, P. Peterson, Robinson, Sass, Schwartz
Standing: Seitsinger, Sweet, Waesen, Weeks, White, Wilhelmi, Zamec

Fall Formal, several mixers, skating parties, bowling parties and picnics were planned by the council this year. In previous years there has been a spring formal too, but the council voted it out this year as the student body was too small. They arranged for the college students to be invited to the Military Ball and the Junior-Senior Prom, and planned a mixer in place of the formal.

Besides arranging social activities, the council enabled the students to obtain a radio room on the fourth floor. It also kept the card designating the number of service men from JC up to date.

The council acted as student governing body of the college. With the aid of Dean Yaggy and R. L. Frisbie it operated successfully throughout the year.

Military Ball



Picnic Opens Social Year

The high lights of the social school year were the fall formal, college play operetta and military ball.

At the fall picnic at Inwood on October 12, the main objective of getting acquainted was carried out.

Now that everyone knows each other, let's scramble along to the Fall Formal, "Manhattan at Midnight," on November 26, set in the heart of Manhattan with Roy Gordon furnishing sweet strains of music. The dance was made a success by the co-chairmen Janet Radenmacher and Bob Semitek. Old acquaintances were renewed between students and service men. Among the many who enjoyed the dance were Art Burns, Army, and Ginny Schmidt, Rich Hogan, Navy, and Lib Nurphy, Phyl Weeks and Claude Adams, and Bob Beach and Alia Waldman.

Thoughts now turn to the annual college play, "Letters to Lucerne," directed by Miss Alice Schleh and David Samples, student director. Overheard comments such as, "One of the best plays JC has ever given," and "A really moving production," proved it a hit.

New resolutions are in store with the coming of the New Year's Eve Dance. According to the chairman, Bob Beach, the dance was a great success. Need we say more?

Now that the new year has been ushered in, let's carry on to the

Freshman dance of March 25, "The Mad March Hare." Among the many there were co-chairmen, Peg Hendrickson and Dick Braun with Bill Weber and Betty Brahan, respectively, Gordie Seitsinger and Jean Maedonald, Don Anderson, USNR, and H. A. Moore.

April has rolled around which means that everyone is waiting eagerly for the annual operetta presented by the A Cappella Choir. This year, *Spring Maid* was presented April 19 thru 22 under the direction of Alex Zimmerman, assisted by Dave Larson.

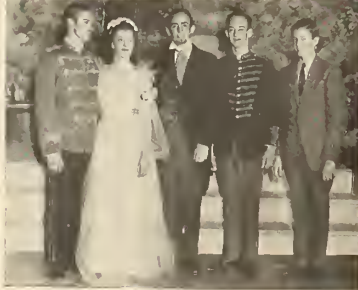
For a little recreation on the sporty side of things, we'll look into the bowling party of April 12 with Catherine McGinnis and Franklin Sidell as co-chairmen. Aside from the noise of the ball hitting strikes, spares, and mostly alleys, oh's and ah's were emitted from everyone as the result of the evening's pitching. Lea Sweet had a score of 155, high game for the girls, while Mat Futterer scored 218 for the boys, to say nothing of H. A. Moore's grand total of 8 which merited a surker for her.

We can't leave April without giving you a peek at the annual military ball. Due to the small enrollment this year, JC students decided not to have a Spring Formal; however, in its place the college students were admitted to the Military Ball with tickets paid out of the college social fund. Many students of JC who danced to the music of Gene Victor were: Marion Palmer and

Fall Formal



'Spring Maid'



Samples Roth
Manthey Rath Samples Heap Larson

Rich Martin, Annette Burr and dim McNichols, Kate Robinson and Bob Hagen, Avis Halleland and Windsor

Fischer, Ging Lowery and Alan Schultz, and Connie Economides and Mimi Griparis.

WAA Activities



Herath Caswell Mancuso Kirschke
Peterson Andrews Herath Sproat

Traditional Events Are Held By Women During Year

At the first WAA meeting held on October 1, officers for the year were elected. Lois Sproat was elected president; Ann Andrews, vice president; Janet Morse, secretary-treasurer; Dorothy Howell, head of sports; Jean Macdonald, publicity chairman; and Pat Peterson, Sportlight editor.

Sport heads were: Catherine McGinnis, tennis; Betty Herath, bowling; Audrey Nelson, outing; Harriet Ann Moore, swimming; Betty Lou Fischer, orchesis; Rose Mancuso, badminton; and Vivian Hollister, basketball.

Each sport head was responsible for her individual sport. On Tuesday and Thursday morning the girls could be found at Jahnke's. There weren't as many strikes and spares as one might wish, but the game was fun anyway.

Outing met only a few times but the hikes were good exercise. Several WAA members enjoyed a hike to West Park and the weiner roast held last fall.

Janet McCowan was one of those who improved their badminton game through the leadership of Rose Mancuso. Betty Lou Fischer taught ballet technique to the members of orchesis.

On Tuesdays during the gym period, Mrs. Kirby instructed the WAA in the finer points of tennis. On Thursdays Miss Fores gave golf instruction.

In spite of the small membership, Sport Night was held November 10. Ramona Roth, general chairman, urged all the girls to bring their "Pops" and join in the fun. The theme was "Satisfying Our Supermen." Jean Macdonald and her adopt-

ed father, H. D. Leinenweber, enjoyed pitching pennies. Mr. Sproat watched Mr. Howell and Dorothy play deck tennis.

The annual Mother-Daughter Tea was held December 14 in the girls' gym. Avis Hallelund and Janet Morse were co-chairmen of the affair, and music was the chief entertainment. Gwen Kiser sang "O Holy Night," and Betty Herath played Chopin's "Waltz." Ramona Roth led the group in singing Christmas carols. The table decorations of pine branches and Christmas tree ornaments were planned by Audrey Nelson.

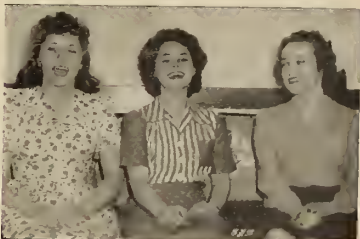
On January 19, the WAA sponsored a skating party. Phyllis Weeks and Doynne McReynolds were co-chairmen of the affair which was held in the Kollatorium. Miss Mary Scott was the faculty sponsor. Even Olin McReynolds agreed it was lots of fun.

The WAA couldn't let its traditional box social slip by this year, so on February 11 the girls shared their boxes with the air cadets at the Lewis Aeronautical school. The lunch boxes were decorated with comic strip characters, and after Toots and Casper, Jiggs and Maggie, and Dagwood and Blondie got together, supper was enjoyed. The men said it was their best meal in ages. After supper the couples played ping pong and danced. Jean Macdonald was chairman, and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kirby were the sponsors.

For all the WAA activities, whether they were sport or social, Mrs. Kirby was ready to give her kind assistance. Every WAA girl appreciated the interest she took in all events.



Howell, Andrews, Peterson, Mrs. Phoebe Kirby, Macdonald, Morse, Sproat



Fischer, orchesis Moore, swimming Nelson, Outing



Hurr White Weeks Wilhelmi Fischer
Morse, Macdonald, Peterson, Kirschke, Sweet, Sproat, Johnson, Caswell
Giacchino Allen Burr Bell Andrews



Condon Graf Voegeli Petersen Seitsinger
Johnson Futterer Koukas Semitelko

Basketball Team Places Third With Four Conference Wins

Coach A. A. Wills called the first practice of the JJC basketball team September 30. Prospects for the team were good. There was Joe Pohlman, leading scorer in the Big 8 last year; Pat Condon, regular forward at Catholic High; Bill Voegeli, 6 foot 3 inch center from Quincy High School; and Howard Peterson who played at JTHS two years ago, also Bob Semitelko, Lawrence Hile, Gordon Seitsinger, Howy Johnson, Steve Vargo, Herbert Brick, Mat Futterer, Steve Koukas, Mike Kurtyuk and Howard Graf. Coach Wills set a schedule of seven conference games, four at home and three away.

In the first tilt of the season, a practice game, the JJC team trounced the Camp Des Plaines Chieftains 44 to 25. The Wolves led during the whole game and were never in danger. Pat Condon was the high scorer with 18 points.

On November 27, the JJC suffered their first defeat of the season at the hands of Wheaton, 52-43. The game was even up to the last ten minutes, but the superior height of the Wheaton team upset the balance. The JJC players were: Condon, forward; Pohlman, forward; Koukas, forward-guard; Voegeli, center; Petersen, guard; Graf, guard; and Semitelko, guard.

In the first conference game our cagers defeated Herzl 53-48. Condon put in ten field goals and five free throws. Bob Semitelko sparked the team in the last half with nine points and a good share of the ball handling.

On December 9, JC trounced an inexperienced team from Morgan Park 36 to 32. In another practice game with Camp Des Plaines, JJC won 71 to 23. This was Joe Pohlman's last game before he left for the Army Air Corps. He bowed out in fine fashion with 29 points—high for the evening.

With the fine work of Condon and Voegeli on December 14, we best LaGrange 69 to 31. This was Bill Voegeli's last game before he left for the Navy.

On January 8, our JJC team was defeated by North Park, 54-47. Despite the good work of Pat Condon, JJC was unable to hold the lead through the last quarter.

At the end of the season, the basketball team had four conference wins and two losses, finishing third.

The official results of the season were:

	W	L	Pct.
Wilson Junior College	6	1	.856
North Park College	5	1	.833
Joliet Junior College	4	2	.666
Morton Junior College	3	3	.500
Wright Junior College	2	2	.500
Lyons Twp. Junior College	3	2	.500

Rec & Library



Herzl Junior College 0 4 .000
Morgan Park Junior Col. 0 4 .000
Basketball letters were awarded to:
Gordon Seitsinger, Howard Graf, Johnson, forward Petersen, Mat Futterer, Bill Voegeli, Pat Condon, Steve Koukas, Bob Semitelko and Howard Johnson.

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